

First Day of Class

August 31, 2020

Last Day of Class

December 14, 2020

All forms should be submitted to oss-graduateservices@umd.edu and require two Department signatures (advisor and Department Graduate Director). Please refer to the "[Step-by-Step Graduation Overview](#)"; "[Important Dates](#)"; and "[Forms Used by Graduate Students](#)" to determine administrative requirements.

| DUE DATE | DESCRIPTION | FOR WHOM |
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| AUG 28 Friday | Last day to cancel Fall 2020 registration or drop courses without fees. Last day to register online without a \$20.00 late fee. See the Schedule of Classes for instructions. | ALL STUDENTS |
| AUG 31 Monday | First day of classes Start of the Schedule Adjustment Period. Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee). Regular check-in begins for waitlist and hold file; check-in daily to remain on list. | ALL STUDENTS |
| SEP 7 Monday | CAMPUS CLOSED – Labor Day Holiday | ALL STUDENTS FACULTY/STAFF |
| SEPT 4-18 | Master's Candidates meet with their advisor for preliminary audit check for fall graduation | ALL MASTER'S CANDIDATES |
| SEP 14 Monday | Last day to REGISTER LATE (\$20.00 late fee charged). ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY THIS DATE. End of the Schedule Adjustment Period -Last day to DROP/ADD courses of equal credit (See drop penalties for more information) -To register or adjust your schedule after this date, submit the College " Graduate Studies Registration/Adjustment Petition " (approved only under extenuating circumstances). | ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS |
| | Last day to submit the Application for Graduation for December 2020. Certificate candidates must submit a hard-copy of the " Application for Graduation- Graduate Certificate " directly to the Office of the Registrar. | GRADUATING STUDENTS |
| MID-SEP | Check with your department for comprehensive examination applications, deadlines, and examination dates (if required). | GRADUATING MASTER'S & AGS STUDENTS |
| SEP 21 Monday | The Nomination of a Doctoral Dissertation Committee form is due in Graduate Studies, Room 1204 Benjamin Building, in order to meet the Graduate School deadline of Monday, September 28th . A committee form must be submitted at least 6 weeks before the scheduled defense. A copy of the Human Subjects IRB approval letter must be attached. | GRADUATING DOCTORAL STUDENTS |
| SEPT 25 Friday | The Nomination of a Master's Thesis Committee form is due to Graduate Studies, Room 1204 Benjamin Building, in order to meet the Graduate School deadline of Friday, October 2nd . A committee form must be submitted at least 6 weeks before the scheduled defense. A copy of the Human Subjects IRB approval letter must be attached (if used). | GRADUATING MASTER'S STUDENTS |
| | The " Graduate Certificate Completion " form, including the A.G.S. Certificate , is due to Graduate Studies, Room 1204 Benjamin Building, in order to meet the Graduate School deadline of Friday, October 2nd | CERTIFICATE STUDENTS |
| OCT 2 Friday | Preliminary uAchieve Audit Check and MAPF cover sheet due to Department Coordinators | GRADUATING MASTER'S STUDENTS |
| NOV 6 Friday | The Dissertation Chairs/Directors must submit signed Report of Examining Committee Form and the Electronic Publication Form to Graduate Studies to meet the Grad School deadline of November 13th . Doctoral Student Surveys are required and should be submitted online. | GRADUATING DOCTORAL STUDENTS |
| NOV 13 Friday | Final date to electronically submit the doctoral dissertation forms to the Office of the Registrar. <i>Refer to the University of Maryland Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) website and the University of Maryland Thesis and Dissertation Style Guide for details of this process. A processing fee will be charged to your student account. Additional optional fees may be charged to a credit card as part of the submission process through ProQuest.</i> | GRADUATING DOCTORAL STUDENTS |
| NOV 16 Monday | Deadline to receive the results of master's and A.G.S. comprehensive examinations (if required) in Graduate Studies, Room 1204 Benjamin Building, for students graduating in December. | M.A. and M.ED. GRADUATING STUDENTS |
| NOV 23 Monday | Final title page of seminar papers and/or research papers (for M.Ed. and M.A. non-thesis options) signed by advisor and professor directing the paper, are due in Graduate Studies, Room 1204 Benjamin Building. No extensions for the final approved seminar paper will be given beyond Nov. 23rd . Students should check with the paper director for their submission requirements and deadlines in order to meet the Nov. 23rd deadline. | M.A. and M.ED. GRADUATING STUDENTS |

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| NOV 25 – NOV 29 Wednesday- Sunday | CAMPUS CLOSED-Thanksgiving Holiday <i>Holiday starts on Nov. 25th for students; November 26th for faculty/staff</i> | ALL STUDENTS/FACULTY/ STAFF |
| DEC 2 Wednesday | Final date to electronically submit the Master's Thesis . <i>Refer to the University of Maryland Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) website and the University of Maryland Thesis and Dissertation Style Guide for details of this process. A processing fee will be charged to your student account. Additional optional fees may be charged to a credit card as part of the submission process through ProQuest.</i> | GRADUATING MASTERS & AGS STUDENTS |
| | Final date for Thesis Chairs to submit the Report of the Oral Examining Committee form and the Electronic Publication Form to Graduate Studies, Room 1204 Benjamin. Please route all forms through Graduate Studies, Room 1204 Benjamin Building. All forms are due in the Office of the Registrar, Room 1113 Mitchell Building, and will be forwarded by Graduate Studies. | |
| DEC 14 Monday | Last day of classes <i>Final date to complete non-thesis requirements for master's programs</i> | ALL STUDENTS Graduating non-thesis master's students |
| DEC 20, Sunday DEC 21st or 22nd-TBD | Campus commencement ceremony and official graduation date College commencement ceremony | GRADUATING GRADUATE STUDENTS |
| Dec 24 Thursday | Final grades are due (UMEG Opens on Wednesday, December 2 nd) | ALL STUDENTS |
| Jan 4 Monday | GPA's appear on student records | ALL STUDENTS |
| JAN 4 Monday | The Master's Approved Program Form and uAchieve Audits (for master's students) and Graduate Certification Completion Form and uAchieve audits (for certificate students) due to Graduate Studies, Room 1204 Benjamin Building, in order to meet the Graduate School deadline of January 5th . | GRADUATING MASTER'S & CERTIFICATE STUDENTS |
| JAN 18 Monday | CAMPUS CLOSED- Martin Luther King Holiday | ALL STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF |
| JAN 20 Wednesday | December 2020 degrees expected to post to student transcripts. | GRADUATING STUDENTS |
| Late Jan –Early Feb | MSDE Transcript notations <u>expected</u> to be posted to student transcripts | GRADUATING STUDENTS |
| JAN 25 Monday | First day of Spring 2021 classes | ALL STUDENTS |

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS, FALL 2020:

The [Application for Admission to Candidacy](#) form is approved by the Department prior to submission to Graduate Studies, Room 1204. Graduate Studies will recommend to the Graduate School the consideration of candidacy. The candidacy papers must be submitted prior to the 25th of each month in order for the form to be reviewed. The Graduate School will notify each student regarding the candidacy decision, effective the 1st of the month following documentation submission.

REGULATIONS

- **Continuous registration is required.** All students must be registered each fall and spring semester for a minimum of 1 credit that will accurately reflect the student's involvement in graduate study and use of University resources. Students who meet the criteria **may** request a leave of absence by submission of the [Request for Leave of Absence](#) form. Master's and pre-candidacy doctoral students may request a waiver of the registration requirement by submission of the "[Petition for Waiver of Continuous Registration](#)" form. Leave of absences and waivers must have Department and College approval. Students who have approved waivers may not use any facility or resources of the University.
- Doctoral students are not permitted to be registered for 899 dissertation credit until they are advanced to candidacy.
- Pre-candidacy doctoral students may register for 898 "Pre-Candidacy Research" for 1-8 credits (carries 18 units).
- Doctoral candidates who have advanced to candidacy, are automatically registered for 6 credits of 899 dissertation credit by the University each fall and spring semester. The credit level is not variable, and cannot be adjusted.
- Students must be registered for a minimum of one credit in the intended semester of graduation, including one of the summer sessions for August degree conferral.
- **It is necessary to apply for degree conferral early in the semester of graduation.** If degree requirements are not met in the semester of initial application, the Application for Graduation continues to carry over until graduation requirements are met. However, any student whose time expires before graduation requirements are met will **not** have their Application for Graduation rolled over. These students will need to submit a "[Request for a Time Extension](#)" form and will need to reapply to graduate. There is no fee charged for the [Application for Graduation](#).
- Doctoral candidates for Summer degree conferral who have defended and who have accumulated the required number of 899 dissertation credits prior to the Summer sessions, may register for 899 dissertation credit (charged by the credit) or 898 pre-candidacy credit, or any other credit approved by the student's advisor, in order to meet the registration requirement for August degree conferral.
- **Students are responsible for meeting deadlines when fulfilling final degree requirements.**
- **Students should check the graduate program that they are enrolled in for applicable deadlines it may have.**
- Effective Fall 2020, all full-time graduate students (master's and doctoral) will be required to have health insurance. View the [Grad School Health Insurance Policy](#) for more information.
- For additional information, contact the College of Education, Graduate Studies Office at 301-405-2361/ 301-405-2363 or email oss-graduateservices@umd.edu

Winter 2020 Semester

January 4 (Monday)

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